

**BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter of the Accusation     )**  
**Against:                                     )**

**Glenn Martin Strome, M.D.             )**

**Case No. 800-2015-011744**

**Physician's and Surgeon's             )**  
**Certificate No. G 82083                 )**

**Respondent                                 )**

**DECISION**

**The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order  
is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of  
California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.**

**This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2017**

**IT IS SO ORDERED May 10, 2017**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

**By: Kimberly Kirchmeyer**  
**KIMBERLY KIRCHMEYER**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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13 **GLENN MARTIN STROME, M.D.**

14 359 Diamond Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114-2820

15 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 82083,

16 Respondent.  
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**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND ORDER**

18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
19 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board  
22 of California (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in  
23 this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Mara Faust, Deputy  
24 Attorney General.

25 2. Glenn Martin Strome, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by  
26 attorney Gregory Abrams, whose address is 6045 Shirley Drive, Oakland, CA 94611.

27 3. On or about December 20, 1995, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
28 Certificate No. G 82083 to Glenn Martin Strome, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and

1 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in  
2 Accusation No. 800-2015-011744 and will expire on June 30, 2017, unless renewed.

3 JURISDICTION

4 4. Accusation No. 800-2015-011744 was filed before the (Board), and is currently  
5 pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were  
6 properly served on Respondent on March 3, 2017. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense  
7 contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2015-011744 is attached as Exhibit A  
8 and incorporated by reference.

9 ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

10 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
11 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2015-011744. Respondent also has carefully read,  
12 fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License  
13 and Order.

14 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a  
15 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine  
16 the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right  
17 to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of  
18 documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other  
19 rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

20 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and  
21 every right set forth above.

22 CULPABILITY

23 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2015-  
24 011744, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and  
25 Surgeon's Certificate.

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9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.

10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

## CONTINGENCY

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 82083, issued to Respondent Glenn Martin Strome, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Medical Board of California.

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1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Medical Board of California.

2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2015-011744 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

## ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Gregory Abrams. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED:

09/01/2017

Glenn Martin Ströme, M.D.  
Respondent

1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Glenn Martin Strome, M.D. the terms and  
2 conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I  
3 approve its form and content.

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5 DATED:

*April 7, 2017*

*[Signature]*  
GREGORY ABRAMS  
*Attorney for Respondent*

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8 ENDORSEMENT

9 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted  
10 for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

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12 Dated:

*April 13, 2017*

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney General of California  
ALEXANDRA M. ALVAREZ  
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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**A C C U S A T I O N**

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15 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 82083,

16 Respondent.

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official  
21 capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer  
22 Affairs (Board).

23 2. On or about December 20, 1995, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's  
24 Certificate No. G 82083 to Glenn Martin Strome, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and  
25 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
26 herein and will expire on June 30, 2017, unless renewed.

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## **JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 2234 of the Code, states:

“The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

(b) Gross negligence.

(c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.

(1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.

(2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

(d) Incompetence.”

5. Section 820 of the Code states:

“Whenever it appears that any person holding a license, certificate or permit under this division or under any initiative act referred to in this division may be unable to practice his or her profession safely because the licentiate's ability to practice is impaired due to mental illness, or physical illness affecting competency, the licensing agency may order the licentiate to be examined by one or more physicians and surgeons or psychologists designated by the agency.



1 The report of the examiners shall be made available to the licentiate and may be received as direct  
2 evidence in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 822.”

3 6. Section 822 of the Code states:

4 “If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate’s ability to practice his or her  
5 profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill affecting  
6 competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the following methods:

7 (a) Revoking the licentiate’s certificate or license.

8 (b) Suspending the licentiate’s right to practice.

9 (c) Placing the licentiate on probation.

10 (d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in its  
11 discretion deems proper.

12 The licensing section shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license until it  
13 has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition which caused its  
14 action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public health and safety the person’s  
15 right to practice his or her profession may be safely reinstated.”

16 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**  
17 **(Mental or Physical Illness Affecting Competency)**

18 7. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2334, 820 and 822 in that  
19 he is suffering from an illness that is affecting his ability to practice medicine. The circumstances  
20 are as follows:

21 8. On or about February 8, 2015, the Medical Board of California, Central Complaint  
22 Unit, (CCU), received a complaint from E.M., the wife of patient C.M.,<sup>1</sup> a 44 year-old man, for  
23 whom Respondent had read thoracic and spine CT scans done on October 14, 2014. According to  
24 E.M., Respondent interpreted her husband’s scans as abnormal, causing the patient to have to take  
25 another abdominal CT scan with contrast. The complaint continues to describe that the second  
26 set of scans for patient C.M. were interpreted by another radiologist as normal. Thereafter,

27 <sup>1</sup> The patient’s full name is not stated to protect his privacy and his full name will be disclosed in  
28 subsequent discovery.

1 another radiologist re-read the scans that Respondent had previously interpreted and found them  
2 to be normal as well.

3 9. On or about May 18, 2015, the CCU received Respondent's response to the  
4 complaint. Respondent stated that he interpreted patient C.M.'s scans on October 16, 2014, and  
5 admits that his interpretation of the studies was "strange" but that at the time he was under the  
6 care of a psychiatrist for depression and was taking medications that was affecting his memory  
7 and his ability to think. Respondent further stated that he took a leave of absence from his job at  
8 RadNet on October 21, 2014.

9 10. On or about October 14, 2015, C.G., the VP of Operations of Northern California  
10 RadNet informed the investigator that because Respondent appeared to be reading slides wrong in  
11 October 2014, a review of many of his cases from both September and October  
12 2014 was done resulting in the filing of forty addendums to correct Respondent's incorrect  
13 interpretations.

14 11. On or about August 11, 2016, Investigator A.B. interviewed Respondent at the  
15 Sacramento Field Office. He indicated in his interview that his job as a radiologist at RadNet was  
16 primarily to read and interpret radiographic images.

17 12. On or about October 22, 2014, Respondent was informed by his employer that he had  
18 over-read several images and he was placed on medical leave. Looking back, Respondent felt  
19 that his clinical problems interpreting images in September and October 2014, was due to his  
20 taking medications (including anti-depressants) that impacted his cognitive abilities. Respondent  
21 has not practiced medicine since October 2014. At his physician interview, Respondent also  
22 signed a voluntary agreement for both a mental examination and a physical examination, and  
23 releases for psychiatric and medical records. A urine sample was voluntarily secured from  
24 Respondent on August 11, 2016, which showed continued benzodiazepine and anti-depressant  
25 use.

26 13. At the physician interview, Respondent provided the investigator with a medication  
27 list that he is currently on, a medication list from August 2014 through October 2014, which was  
28 provided to him by Dr. T.L. (Dr. L.), his psychiatrist, and a one page letter dated July 18, 2016

1 from Dr. L. In the letter, Dr. L. states, "At the present time, Respondent is not fit to return to  
2 work. This is a fact that Respondent is aware of, understands completely, and accepts without  
3 reservation."

4 14. On or about October 11, 2016, and October 12, 2016, Board Certified psychiatrist  
5 S.K. (Dr. K.) conducted a psychiatric examination with Respondent to determine whether he was  
6 safe to practice medicine. It is Dr. K.'s understanding that Respondent has not worked as a  
7 physician and surgeon since October 22, 2014 and has been unable to work due to depression.  
8 Respondent reported to Dr. K. that he continues to have depressed mood, low energy, feelings of  
9 helplessness and hopelessness as well as a lack of motivation. Respondent agrees that his short  
10 term and long term memory is poor. In addition, he has cognitive slowing. Respondent has been  
11 treated by Dr. L., a psychiatrist for depression since February 2014.

12 15. Dr. K.'s psychiatric evaluation of Respondent includes, in part, the following  
13 psychiatric diagnoses:

14 Major Depressive disorder, recurrent; and,

15 Cognitive and other central nervous system side effects from possibly being on multiple  
16 medications or from other causes.

17 16. As a result of this psychiatric evaluation, Dr. K. found that Respondent is suffering  
18 from an illness that is affecting his ability to practice medicine safely.

19 "Doctor Strome is not safe to practice medicine at this time secondary to his severe  
20 depression, the decrease in his cognition, his poor memory, and his poor concentration ...

21 In my professional opinion, he has no periods of remission (i.e. 6 to 12 months) from  
22 depression since June 2014. I recommend that there be at least a one-year remission of  
23 depression symptoms prior to him restarting the practice of radiology."

24 17. Respondent's treating psychiatrist, Dr. L., believes that Respondent's depression is  
25 due to limbic encephalitis, a physiological auto immune inflammatory brain disorder. Dr. L.  
26 agrees that currently Respondent is not safe to practice medicine.

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18. Respondent is unable to practice safely due to a mental or physical condition, and that permitting him to continue to engage in the practice of medicine at this point in time will endanger the public health, safety, and welfare.

**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 82083, issued to Respondent, Glenn Martin Strome, M.D.;
2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent, Glenn Martin Strome, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code;
3. Ordering Respondent, Glenn Martin Strome, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and
4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: March 3, 2017

  
KIMBERLY KIRCHMEYER  
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Medical Board of California  
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State of California  
*Complainant*

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